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crucible to the Society of Chemical Industry; and his electric telephone by Reis to the Institution of Electrical Engineers. The residue of the property is to be divided into five parts, four of which are to go to the Royal Society and one to the Society of Chemical Industry, the wish being expressed that the fund shall be kept separate from the funds of the society the capital to be kept intact, and the whole of the income expended in the furtherance of scientific research and other scientific objects, and that no part thereof shall be applied for charitable objects, as the granting of pensions and the like.

THE *Journal* of the American Medical Association states that what is reported as the largest medical conference ever assembled in the capital of China was held February 21-28, of the present year. Over 300 delegates were present, including 210 medical missionaries. A message from the minister of education of China was read which stated the following as the educational policy for the immediate future in that country: (1) To establish new medical schools as soon as conditions will allow on the basis of one medical school for each province. (2) To improve and extend such schools as were already established. (3) To encourage the study of medicine and to maintain for the scientifically trained doctors a high social status aiming at a sufficient number for this important profession. (4) To cause to be organized at proper localities such institutions or facilities of investigation as will aid specialists in their own research work. (5) To regulate the practise of doctors trained in the traditional way with a view to the unification of standards required of medical practitioners.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

It is planned to establish eight new professorships at Cornell University to commemorate the war services of 7,800 Cornell men.

DR. H. R. KRAYBILL, of the Bureau of Plant Industry, has been appointed professor of agri-

cultural chemistry and head of the department of chemistry of the New Hampshire State College.

P. W. WHITING, in charge of biology at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., has resigned to accept a position at St. Stephen's College, Annandale-on-Hudson, N. Y.

PROFESSOR C. F. CURTIS RILEY has been promoted to a full professorship in the department of forest zoology, Syracuse University.

JOHN T. METCALF, Ph.D. (Yale, '13), psychological examiner with the Illinois Department of Public Welfare, has been appointed assistant professor of psychology in George Washington University.

DR. L. V. KING has been appointed Macdonald professor of physics at the Macdonald Physics Building, McGill University, from which he received his bachelor's degree in 1905. The chair to which Dr. King has been promoted has been held in succession by Professor H. L. Callendar, Professor, now Sir Ernest Rutherford, Dr. H. T. Barnes, Professor H. A. Wilson, and by the present director, Dr. A. S. Eve.

At the University of Sheffield, Dr. W. E. S. Turner has been appointed professor of glass technology, Mr. J. Husband professor of civil engineering, Dr. Mellanby professor of pharmacology.

#### DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

##### GENERA AND SUPERGENERA

TO THE EDITOR OF SCIENCE: I sympathize with Dr. Witmer Stone (*SCIENCE*, N. S., 51: 427, 1920) in his wish to preserve in generic names an expression of taxonomic relationships. Dr. Stone advocates the adoption of "an arbitrary set of genera *de conveniencie* so far as nomenclature is concerned and use subgeneric terms when we desire to call attention to more refined phylogenetic groups." I would call attention to the results of a practical application of this system. If I understand the proposed system correctly the genera for general use would stand toward the genera for technical use (since the latter